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1. THE HUNT FAMILY IS ON HOME LEAVE AND MRS. LESTER HUNT MAY
BE REACHED C/O RODERICK WATROUS, 162 SNUG HARBOR ROAD,
HENDERSONVILLE, TENN., TEL 615-824-7656.

2. MRS. SILVERMAN SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING:

A. IN PARA 3 INSERT: "(THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ARE WEEKEND
DAYS IN AFGHANISTAN.)"

B. IN PARA 4 INSERT: "I WAS PREPARING LUNCH WHEN MY
HUSBAND MARK, A CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT INTERN WITH A.I.D.,
RETURNED . . ."

C. CHANGE PARE 8 TO READ: "I WAS RUNNING AROUND THE
HOUSE GATHERING OUR VALUABLES, THROWING CLOTHES IN SUITCASES
AND THINKING, 'WELL, IN CASE OF EVACUATION AT LEAST WE'LL BE
PREPARED.' IT WAS A LITTLE UNSETTLING TO HEAR ROCKETS, ANTI-
TANK AND SMALL ARMS FIRE AS WELL AS FIGHTER PLANES SCRECHING
THROUGH THE AIR . . . AND SIT STILL. SO I PACKED. AT THE
SAME TIME, I WAS WONDERING HOW OUR FAMILIES . . ."

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D. CHANGE PARA 9 TO READ: "BY FIVE O'CLOCK, WITH THE
TERRIFYING SOUNDS OF BATTLE HARDLY ABATING, I COULD NO
LONGER PRETEND SLEEP. BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO WAKE MARK,
I CREPT DOWNSTAIRS, PUT UP A MAKESHIFT BARRICADE -- A FEW
SOFA CUSHIONS AROUND ME AND AGAINST THE WINDOW -- IN WHAT I
THOUGHT TO BE THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE LIVINGROOM (FUTILE,
PERHAPS, UNDER A DIRECT HIT, BUT I FELT BETTER SETTING IT UP),

AND ENTERED A FEW TERSE PARAGRAPHS IN MY JOURNAL. NOW AS I LISTENED TO THE BURSTING . . ."

E. FOR PARA 11 THE AID MISSION DIRECTOR IS CHARLES R. GRADER.

F. WARDENS ARE THOSE EMPLOYEES OF ENOUGH EMOTIONAL STRENGTH AND PERSONAL STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY CAN BECOME FOCI OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION AND ASSISTANCE EFFORTS DURING CIVIL DISTURBANCES AND NATURAL CALAMITIES. (THIS IS STANDARD PRACTICE AT EVERY POST, UNDER THE E&E PROCEDURES.) THE WARDENS NAMED BY A.I.D. TO COVER THE A.I.D. SIDE OF TOWN AND ACTIVE DURING THE REVOLUTION WERE JOHN STANDISH, CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT CHIEF; CHARLES GRADER, MISSION DIRECTOR; OWEN CYLKE, DEPUTY MISSION DIRECTOR; RAY FORT, AGRICULTURE DIVISION CHIEF; STANLEY HANDLEMAN, EDUCATION DIVISION CHIEF, MANUEL MARTINEZ, MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR; AND ZARIEL TYSON IRRIGATION INSPECTOR FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. ELIOT

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